

Local and Personal Mention

(From Monday's Daily.)

Boost the chautauqua.
J. S. Floyd went to Wauchula today.

Ed. Carney, of Noxette, was a visitor in Arcadia today.

W. Jud Albritton, of Lily, is spending the day in our city.

C. H. Roberts, of Ona, a prominent grower of that section, is in Arcadia today.

A parade of school children would be a fine feature for the big celebration.

The contract between the city of Arcadia and the McCrary company is in this issue.

Superintendent of Schools J. O. Bickley is in Avon Park on official business today.

Mrs. J. M. Murdock and little daughter left this morning for their home at Murdock.

The Arcadia banking houses were closed today in honor of George Washington's birthday.

Hon. Tom Parker and daughter, Miss Pauline, motored to Arcadia today from their grove east of the city.

Mr. A. E. Lang, district manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company, is in the city today on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace L. Burton, of the Joshua Creek section, are spending the day in the city visiting relatives.

City water will be turned off if not paid up by the 20th. Pete McDermott, City Clerk.

Mrs. R. L. Smith returned Saturday from a trip to Georgia. She visited the cities of Atlanta, Macon and Albany.

Fred E. Lyman, who is widely known as "Velvet Joe," and a popular commercial traveler, is in the city today stopping at the Arcadia House.

It is getting to be base ball weather. We have lots of local talent, and it's a fine old game, so how about starting a little enthusiasm on the local diamond?

Mrs. W. A. Johnson, of Fort Ogden, returned to her home this morning after a pleasant visit of ten days in the city with her daughter, Mrs. J. L. Jones.

Miss Allie Stribling, the superintendent of girls' canning clubs for DeSoto county, has returned from Tallahassee, where she attended the meeting of state superintendents.

The singing at the evening services of the Baptist church is inspiring. The choir is led by Mr. Grady Langford, who ranks with the very best as a leader of congregational singing.

A prominent party from Arcadia, guests at the Hillshire for the weekend, included C. H. Kreigh and wife, Mrs. R. B. Hughes, Mrs. C. E. Gibson and E. B. Kittson.—Tampa Tribune.

Several hunting parties composed of Arcadians went to the woods Saturday to have a last go at the game, as the hunting season closed that day. From statements made by the hunters a deal of game was bagged.

Rev. Ridley will tell us what he thinks is the worst thing in Arcadia. He thinks the worst thing in Arcadia is good things about "Arcadia Always Ahead," so let's prepare to hear the worst.

A picture of a banquet given by D. Ford Owen in Tampa during Gasparilla week, was published in Sunday's Tribune. The countenance of the local Ford booster, Jim Craig, shows up handsomely in the group.

Mr. Ira J. Johnston, the genial new manager of the Arcadia Mercantile Company, received a telegram this morning announcing the arrival of a fine new boy at his home. Mr. Johnston is a recent arrival in Arcadia, and he intends moving his family here in a short time.

The old clerk's office building, which occupies a portion of the court house yard which should be beautified, should be torn away and certainly before the big celebration takes place. We should be rid of this eye-sore before our Manatee county neighbors come to look us over.

Mr. A. F. Waddell and sons, Foley and Edward, of Virginia, have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Jones for the past week. They left on today's train for Fort Ogden, where they will spend two weeks visiting Mr. Waddell's mother-in-law, Mrs. W. A. Johnson, before their return home.

Miss Jeannette Turner Broomell, an impersonator and reader, and Miss Helen Reed Alexander, harpist and soprano, will give an entertainment Tuesday evening in the high school auditorium. The entertainment is to be given under the auspices of the ladies of the Friday Evening Musical Society.

Go to the Baptist church tonight to hear Dr. Ridley on the subject, "The Very Worst Thing I Have Seen in Arcadia."

A news dispatch states that officials of the Standard Home Company were found guilty of using the United States mails to defraud, by the United States court sitting in Birmingham, Ala. This company has worked some in this territory, and some of their contracts were held by local parties, but we sincerely hope that our local people won't get "stung" for their savings.

Capt. D. N. Barco and First Lieutenant Frank C. Ralls, Jr., received official notice this morning from the adjutant general that the examination taken by them a few days ago for the purpose of determining their fitness for holding commissioned offices in the military service was passed by them successfully. These gentlemen were examined on eleven subjects, and they finished with high averages. They are to be congratulated, also the company for securing such able officers. The local company will be mustered in this week.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

D. W. Stewart, of Stewart's Still, is in Arcadia today.

J. C. Spencer, of Jacksonville, is a business visitor to Arcadia today.

J. F. Beasley, of Platt, is a visitor in the city today.

W. G. Murphy, of Lily, is in Arcadia today on business.

M. D. Wilson, a prominent attorney of Bartow, is in Arcadia on legal business.

Captain W. H. Johnson, a genial pilot of South Boca Grande, is a business visitor in Arcadia.

Ed. Ley left this morning for Fort Myers, where he will visit his parents for several days.

G. N. Ray, of Bowling Green, is in Arcadia today on business. He states that north DeSoto county is in fine condition.

J. E. Skipper, a prominent Punta Gorda business man, is in Arcadia on business, registering at the Arcadia House.

Hon. John Haggin, of Charlotte Harbor, member of the board of county commissioners from that district, is in Arcadia today.

Hon. D. L. Skipper, a prominent banker of Zolfo, and member of the DeSoto county board of commissioners, is in Arcadia today.

Hon. D. T. Gerow, of Jacksonville, is in Arcadia today on business. Mr. Gerow was formerly state manager for the Standard Oil Company, and was also postmaster at Jacksonville for many years.

R. G. Tonks, president of the New Home Realty Company, who owns a large tract of fine land in the Lily section, arrived in Arcadia last night after an absence of several weeks in Kansas City.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. Clay went to Wauchula last evening to attend the Moose ball held in that city last night. Mrs. Clay returned this morning and reports an enjoyable time. Mr. Clay will remain in Wauchula today.

C. A. Paxson, a prominent realty man of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, has been in the city several days accompanying a party of prospects to this section. Mr. Paxson is largely interested in DeSoto county dirt, and is a great booster for this country.

Miss Broomell, impersonator and reader, and Miss Alexander, harpist and soprano, arrived this morning. They will give an entertainment tonight in the high school auditorium under the auspices of the Ladies' Friday Evening Musical Society of Arcadia.

Mr. W. L. Slayton, of Toledo, O., is a prominent business visitor in Arcadia today, registering at the Arcadia House. Mr. Slayton is a member of the firm of Terry, Briggs & Slayton, Toledo, Ohio. This concern deals in bonds, and he comes here to meet the county commissioners concerning the purchase of bonds of district No. 5 (Zolfo district), which have been voted.

Miss Flossie Byrd, of Live Oak, arrived in Arcadia last night and will visit for several days with her brother, Mr. C. A. Byrd, the popular manager of the Arcadia Electric Company, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Platt, on East Oak street. Accompanying Miss Byrd is Miss Ruth Burton, a charming young lady of Virginia.

P. A. Parker has moved to Arcadia and will make this his home. Mrs. Parker came with him. Mr. Parker has for several years been a resident of Lakeland, having managed the Tremont Hotel there for a long time. He is selling the Mahan coal oil and gas generator for cooking and heating purposes. This apparatus can be attached to stoves and ranges and con-

verts the wood burning stoves into oil stoves. It is a great convenience and fuel saver. Mr. Parker is established on DeSoto avenue, next door to the Capital restaurant.

Tampa's commercial travelers blew into Arcadia today one dozen strong. The Tampa drummers are very fond of the food and service of our several excellent hostesses, and never miss a chance to make Arcadia—and then again these cheery knights of the grip state emphatically that business is better here than any other place in the south.

J. M. Murdock yesterday purchased the orange trees that are being removed from the property of Messrs. E. D. Treadwell and Fred McConnell, known as the old Whidden place, in the west part of Arcadia. Mr. Murdock is having the trees shipped to his place at Murdock, where he will reset them. It will take seven freight cars to transport them.

W. A. Smith, a former resident of Arcadia, but who is now residing on a fine farm in the Lake Region, between Avon Park and Sebring, is in the city today on business and meeting old friends. Mr. Smith thinks that the lake and hill region of DeSoto county is the finest place in the world, and he reports things in that section as thriving.

Boost the chautauqua.

R. F. Stuart, of Hull, is a business visitor in Arcadia today.

...Society...

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Mrs. S. Emory Durrance entertains in honor of visitor.

Mrs. S. Emory Durrance entertained society ladies in her pretty home on North Monroe avenue yesterday afternoon in honor of her charming house guest Mrs. Francis Marvin Durrance, of Jacksonville.

The reception was one of the prettiest social affairs given recently, and was enjoyed by a large number of ladies. The home was decorated tastefully in green and yellow, with a wealth of ferns and cut flowers in profusion.

The guests were on arrival received by the charming hostess and Miss Lena Durrance, who presented them to the honoree of the occasion.

Mrs. Francis Marvin Durrance was beautifully gowned in an imported creation of tulle and a new blue hue, trimmed with white lace and green embroidery.

Mrs. S. Emory Durrance was becomingly attired in a handsome gown of pure white lace over white satin. Miss Lena Durrance wore a bewitching costume of lovely lavender crepe de chine. A pretty program of music added to the entertainment, after which Mesdames Walter Bartow Clay and James A. Hendry invited all into the dining room and a delightful repast with dainty desserts was served. The refreshments consisted of chicken salad, olives, sandwiches, pickles, wafers and cake. A huge bowl of delicious punch was served and presided over by Miss Lillian Martin.

Among those attending were: Mesdames D. G. Barnett, E. H. King, F. A. Whitney, H. H. McLaughlin, H. L. King, Florida King, Stephen J. Carlton, Carey Carlton, A. E. Hollingsworth, C. Y. Crawford, Henry E. Carlton, M. L. Williams, J. Garfield King, George U. Holcomb, Walter B. Clay, James A. Hendry, J. A. Simmons, A. C. Freeman, Annie Hollingsworth, C. H. Mitchell, John Carter, J. C. Kemp, W. E. Robertson, Misses Ella Polk, Lillian Martin, Olga Polk, Kate Carlton, Alice Buchanan and Lena Durrance.

Arcadia Literary Club Meeting Yesterday.

The ladies of the Arcadia Literary Club met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. J. Leslie Dishong at her residence.

Mrs. W. J. Downing was the leader for this meeting.

The club roll was called and each member present answered with the name of a bird and giving some characteristic of it.

Mrs. H. G. Gates read an interesting paper on English Art of the Last Decade.

Another paper of interest on "Town and City Planning in America," was read by Mrs. Mary Smith.

A discussion of improvements of cities and towns by Mesdames W. J. Downing, H. G. Gates, Sam Wey and Henry E. Carlton was enjoyed. Delicious refreshments of hot chocolate and cake was served. A delightful afternoon was spent by the club.

The next meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. H. G. Gates next Wednesday at 3 p. m.

Wednesday Afternoon Musical.

The Wednesday Afternoon Musical met February 17th in the music room of the DeSoto county high school.

The meeting was called to order. Then the roll was called, to which eleven members answered present. The attendance was small, on account of the illness of several members. The following program was rendered:

Piano solo, Merry Birds' Waltz; Louise Scott.

Reading, (a) Dolly's Wedding; (b) My Little Sister; Lillian Trice.

Piano solo, (a) Sweetheart Waltz; (b) Flag Raising March; Chesterfield Hays.

Reading, Jackie and the Watermelon; Margaret Powell.

At the conclusion of the program the club marched in the domestic science kitchen, where refreshments of ambrosia

and wafers was served. The following honor roll in music was announced for last week:

Lura Mathews, Mary Cadman, Annie MacHowell, Nellie Potry, Francis Britt, Bertie Gore, Louise Lanier, Alvin Kilham, Eva Ford, Juanita Durrance, Grace Smith.

RUSSELL HAYS, Reporter.

Ladies of Guild Met Yesterday.

The Ladies' Guild of St. Edmund's Episcopal church met yesterday afternoon with Mrs. Arthur F. Odlin in her home on East Magnolia street.

There were twenty-two members present, and although the regular business routine was dispensed with, much good work was accomplished. There were present the following visitors: Mrs. Stange, Mrs. Mathis, Mrs. Simms, Miss Linda Mathis and Miss Shaw.

It is announced that Mrs. J. Garfield King, chairman of the work committee, will be at home on Thursday afternoon during Lent to the work committee, and for as many other members of the Guild who care to do extra work during the Lenten season.

The next regular meeting will be with Mrs. J. F. Stonebraker on next Tuesday, the 23rd.

Joshua Creek Social Organization.

The ladies of the Joshua Creek section met yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Horace Burton for the purpose of organizing a sewing society. Quite a number of ladies were present, and several Arcadia ladies attended. The society was formed and named "The Needlecraft," and Miss Pauline Parker was chosen president and Mrs. Irene Avant was elected secretary. After the business was dispensed with a pleasing program of music and readings was given. The ladies spent an enjoyable hour chatting and doing fancy work. Delicious refreshments were served. About eighteen or twenty ladies will be members.

The ladies of the Friday Evening Musical Society have arranged to give an interesting entertainment to the public of Arcadia in the DeSoto high school auditorium on Tuesday night, February 23rd. The ladies have secured for the evening Miss Groomell, a celebrated impersonator, who is reported to be very fine. She will be accompanied by a harpist of note. The ladies will be put to a great deal of expense in offering this production, and a charge will be made. Adults 50 cents and school children 25 cents.

Friday Evening Musical.

The ladies of the Friday Evening Musical will meet tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the Masonic hall.

The first part of the meeting will be devoted to the chorus practice, and all who are to participate are urged to be on time. The regular routine business will follow the practice.

(From Friday's Daily.)

Colonial Tea at Mrs. A. L. Durrance's Home.

The home of Mrs. A. L. Durrance on Brevard avenue, was the scene of a pretty affair yesterday. The entertainment was a Washington tea given by the ladies of the Methodist Aid Society.

The Durrance home, which is one of the prettiest in the city, was decorated with red, white and blue, and to characterize colonial period, the colonial idea was used throughout, and the ladies participating wore costumes of the design and mode of that period. The pictures of the group of ladies was taken, which is very handsome.

About sixty or seventy guests were present, and a nice sum was earned for the Ladies' Society work.

Mrs. A. L. Durrance met the guests at the portico entrance, and at the door to receive the contributions was pretty little Miss Thelma Welles.

The ladies in the receiving line were Mesdames A. N. Salley, George F. Scott, N. H. Goucher, A. F. Odlin and J. S. Semple.

The guests were ushered into the dining room by Mrs. W. G. Welles. Mrs. H. P. Beris and Mrs. Eugene H. King and Mrs. Durrance helped in serving the collation of chicken salad, olives, saltines and tea, and delightful punch was served.

Tea was poured by Mesdames Mary Smith and Henry Carlton. Misses An-

"SAFETY FIRST."

LADIES' DRESSES MEN'S SHIRTS AND SHOES EVERYBODY

TRY OUR

GOOD EATS

AND WATCH OUR WINDOWS.

ARCADIA MERCANTILE COMPANY

"EVERYTHING TO EAT AND WEAR."

Club will not meet this week. It has been decided by the club that no more meetings will be held until after the revival services now being held in the city are finished.

The orchestra of the high school played the entire afternoon, and the music was greatly appreciated.

The high school orchestra is composed of Miss Forbes, Miss Ruby Trice, Mr. Edwin Granberry and Mr. Paul Kemp.

Literary and Embroidery Club.

The ladies of the Literary and Embroidery Club met yesterday in the home of Mrs. Jake Wey on East Magnolia street. Fifteen members were present and the hostess served refreshments.

The business session and program was dispensed with in order that the ladies might attend the colonial tea at Mrs. Durrance's, given by the Methodist Ladies' Aid Society.

The ladies of the Friday Evening Musical met in the Masonic hall for chorus practice.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Washington Birthday Party at the Misses Armstrong.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Armstrong on North Brevard avenue, was the scene of a very pretty and enjoyable Washington's birthday party last evening. The Misses Rema and Mabel Armstrong were hostesses to several couples of Arcadia young people who enjoyed themselves at games and making candy and music. Refreshments of cherries, ice cream and cake was served in the dining room, and place cards were little George Washington hats; the favors were small American flags. Those enjoying the evening's pleasure were: Misses Naomi Morque, Blerwirts, Myra Taylor, Rema Armstrong and Mabel Armstrong and Messrs. Gregory, James Morque, Blerks, Duke, Davidson and Hendry.

Mrs. Simmons Entertains at Bridge.

Mrs. J. A. Simmons delightfully entertained last evening in her home a number of friends at auction bridge. A pleasing luncheon and refreshments were served.

Miss Rebecca Mathis made top score at cards and won the prize, a pretty crocheted hand bag. Mrs. Simms, from Pennsylvania, who is a visitor to Mrs. H. C. Hatton, was present with a guest's prize, a beautiful hand painted chandelier.

Literary Club Will Not Meet This Week.

The ladies of the Arcadia Literary

ARCADIA TRUCK GROWERS' ASSOCIATION

Mr. E. C. McLaughlin, president of the Truck Growers' Association, is the right man in the right place. He has recently returned from Tallahassee, where he had gone in the interest of the association.

This association has some twenty-five or thirty members residing in the vicinity of Arcadia, who will co-operate for the purpose of being able to furnish all truck in car load lots. Mr. McLaughlin believes in diversified farming, and in the marketing of these crops on the co-operative plan. The association has planted several hundred acres of watermelons, and Mr. McLaughlin says they have already been offered a good price for the melons to be furnished in car load lots.

Mr. McLaughlin has only been in DeSoto county a few years, but he has tried trucking sufficiently to make him a fine believer in the future of this section as a truck growing region.

He emphasizes the necessity for the ing care of all products that can be marketed profitably, through the canning process. In this he is quite correct. There is always a demand for good canned fruits and vegetables, and the growers must see to it that all waste is eliminated. Mr. McLaughlin is a live wire, and this association should congratulate itself in having him as its president. Mr. McLaughlin feels further that the association should have the hearty support and co-operation of the business men of the city. The News columns will be open to this association at all times to make announcements, or in any other way it can be of service.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED TO TWO ONA COUPLES

(From Monday's Daily.)

Judge Bell issued two marriage licenses today as follows:

To Mr. Oscar A. Roberts and Miss Lottie B. Roberts, and to Mr. D. L. Garner and Miss Fairy Virginia Hendry. All of these young people who have succumbed to the darts of Cupid are from Ona, and are well known throughout DeSoto county, and are very popular. The News wishes them great happiness.

MILLINERY

DON'T forget, Ladies, we have the very latest in Millinery and ready-to-wear.

PRICES are reasonable and within the reach of every one.

STYLES—Genteel and of the very latest patterns.

SMART SHOP

MRS. E. B. REED, Prop.

New Odd Fellows Building